(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) Do not arise in view of reply to (a) and (b) above.

Bill for Workers Participation in Management

211. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring forward a Bill to ensure labour participation in management; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: (a) and (b) The matter is under consideration.

Prohibition policy

212. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) the names of the States which are following prohibition policy at present; and

(b) what is the latest policy of the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAMVILAS PASWAN): (a) As per the information available with us, the State of Gujarat is following a policy of complete prohibition, the U.T. of Lakshadweep has total prohibition in all areas except in the uninhabited Bangaram island which has been declared as an International Tourist Resort.

Partial prohibition is in force in the States of Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra Tripura, Orissa, Manipur and in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar.

In the State of Uttar Pradesh, there is complete prohibition in districts of Chamoli and Uttar Kashi and partial prohibition in the districts of Tehri Garhawal, Pauri Garhwal, Pithoragarh and Almorah, Complete prohibition is also in force at different religious centres of this State.

(b) Prohibition being a State subject necessary measures for introduction and enforcement of prohibition have to be taken by the State Government. However, Government of India has been making continuous efforts to educate people about the ill-effects of drinking, through the mass media, as well as by funding voluntary organisations which are taking up educative publicity in this respect. Government has also been helping the voluntary organisations in providing services for those who have become alcoholics.

Employment Guarantee Scheme

213. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government as follow-up action for the Employment Guarantee Scheme announced this year; and

(b) whether some districts have been identified for taking intensive steps under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) and (b) Introduction of National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme (NREGP) in the selected areas of the country as announced by the Finance Minister in his budget speech for the year 1990-91 is under consideration of the Government. The details are being worked out.

Setting up of Sugar Mills in Meerut District

214. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some public organisations and peasants have been requesting the Central and State

Governments regarding the setting up of two sugar mills in the cooperative or State sector in Bagpat and Sardhna Tehsils of Meerut district; and

(b) if so what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) and (b) The proposals for setting up of a new sugar factory is required to be submitted by the promotors in the prescribed form with the requisite fee. No application has so far been received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh for establishment of a new sugar factory in the cooperative or State sector in Bagpat and Sardhna Tehsils of Meerut District. Applications, as and when received, would be examined in accordance with the guidelines prevailing at that time.

Inclusion of pesticides in the Essential Commodities Act

215. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to include the pesticides in the Essential Commodities Act; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) and (b) Pesticides is covered by the class of commodities "Insecticides, Fungicides, Weedicides and the like" which already stands dclared as an essential commodity under the Essential Commodities Act.

Plight of poor children in the S.O.S. Village Anangpur, Faridabad

216. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports which appeared in the Jansatta of April 9, and 10, 1990 describing the plight of the poor children in the S.O.S. children village, Anangpur, Faridabad;

(b) whether Government have investigated into the working of the institution, if so what are the findings

(c) what kind of tortures/atrocities were being perpetrated in its Varanasi branch and have those been stopped; and

(d) what action has been taken against the guilty persons?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d): The State Government of Haryana where the SOS Children Village is situated, and the State Government of Uttar Pradesh where the tortures are alleged to have taken place, have been asked to submit a factual report on the incidents reported in the articles which appeared in the "Jansatta" issues referred to above. The reports are still awaited.

It may also be mentioned that the father of the three children, alleged to have been tortured, Shri Rajinder Singh, Kathu Baba has also filed a writ petition in this regard, before the Supreme Court and the matter is now pending before the Supreme Court.

Theft of Cash Boxes from Integral Coach Factory at Perambur (Madras)

217. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cash boxes were recently stolen from the Integral Coach Factory at Perambur, Madras; and

(b) if so, the amount of cash which was found stolen and further details thereof?